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One might say Hawai'i's Big Island is "out of this world." We think differently, it's out of your world. From the spectacular climate and outdoor activities to the extensive range of meeting facilities and professional event planning services, it is simply unsurpassed as a destination. Let us share with you our knowledge and passion for this extraordinary island and assist you in planning an unforgettable Big Island meeting or special event.

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### Hawai'i's Big Island. Where it all began.

Approximately 1,500 years ago, Polynesian voyagers discovered the Island of Hawai'i. After sailing thousands of miles across the vast ocean, their elation in encountering this mystical island was beyond words. Your discovery will feel the same. A meeting place unlike any other, you'll soon discover there is a big difference between being in Hawai'i and being on Hawai'i.

### It's Out of Your World.

From the moment you arrive on the Big Island, you know you're in a magical place unlike anywhere else in the world. The island's diverse landscape, unspoiled beauty and volcanic energy have a focusing effect. It's an experience that releases everyday stresses and in turn, inspires creativity, communication and new ideas. Tensions subside, barriers disappear and shared humanity radiates from all who join together here.



Photo: Hawaii Forest & Trail



Photo: Charlene Meyers

### Why Hawai'i's Big Island?

#### Meetings with aloha.

Hawai'i's traditions are still very much a part of everyday life on Hawai'i's Big Island. The genuine feeling of aloha combines with professional planning services to ensure a productive and unforgettable meeting.

#### An island of contrasts.

Nowhere else on Earth can you find tropical rainforests, black sand beaches, snow-capped peaks, vast prairies and an active volcano all on one island. The Big Island's natural wonders and thrilling adventures are simply unmatched.

#### Discover a rising star.

Hawai'i's Big Island is the next destination for world-class meetings worlds away from the commonplace. With its breathtaking natural beauty, countless activities, meeting venues and personalized service, it's no wonder the Big Island is emerging as one of the most sought after meeting destinations.

#### Rich in culture.

From art galleries and museums to Kona coffee plantations and the Paniolo (cowboy) culture of Waimea, visitors are immersed in the rich Hawaiian culture and history that is celebrated throughout the island.

#### International allure.

With its central Pacific location, Hawai'i bridges more than international time zones. The island's multicultural influences shine through in its hotels and resorts, cuisine, shopping and entertainment. We stand ready to welcome and accommodate our global guests.

#### Professional meeting support.

Our experienced staff makes a Big Island meeting memorable. Your apparently effortless meeting flows, so participants can focus on why they came: to connect with each other, release creativity, relax and enjoy the stunning scenery and Hawaiian culture that surrounds them.



Photo: 'Imiloa Astronomy Center



Photo: Hilton Waikoloa Village

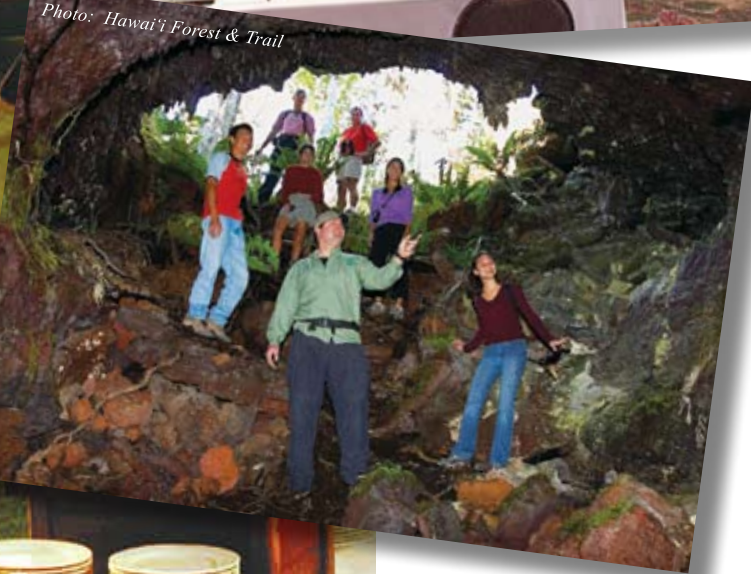


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## Your meeting space in this amazing place.

Great meetings only get better in an awe-inspiring, memorable setting. The Big Island delivers. Whether you're looking for an intimate executive board meeting location, or banquet space for several thousand, Hawai'i's Big Island has it all. Our diversity carries through, offering an excellent selection of hotels, resorts and convention centers on the Kohala Coast, in Keauhou, Kailua-Kona and Hilo.

There are nearly a half-million square feet of meeting space and 5,000+ rooms on the West side of the island. Oceanside hotels located in and around historic Hilo on the East side of the island offer 650+ rooms and 100,000 square feet of meeting space.

## Our unique meeting venues.

With wide open spaces and the uniquely Hawaiian ambience of tropical gardens, your meeting can be worlds apart from the usual four walls.

There are many public and private, indoor and outdoor facilities available to host your event. The state-of-the-art 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai'i, the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, the Queens' Marketplace at Waikoloa, historic homes, high-country ranches and remote retreats are but a few of the unique site choices available.

## The Big Island. Nature's showcase.

Hawai'i's Big Island is home to a realm of natural spectacles and diverse climate zones. The island's breathtaking landscape includes the world's most active volcano, tropical rainforests, snow-capped peaks, rolling green hills and black, green and white sand beaches.

Visitors interested in agriculture, geology, astronomy, marine biology, aquaculture, alternative energy, volcanoes and other scientific disciplines will find the Big Island is truly nature's laboratory.



Photo: Sunshine Helicopters



Photo: Kirk Lee Aeder

## Paradise is not lost here.

Believed to be the first of the Hawaiian Islands discovered, home to ancient Hawaiian temples, the birthplace of King Kamehameha I, and the landing spot for the first European missionaries, the Big Island's rich culture and history is accessible and celebrated.

Ancient heiau (temples) still host seasonal rituals here; canoe masters navigate by the stars; restored villages preserve and share the arts of chanting and carving, pounding poi and throw-net fishing. Not far away, art galleries and museums, working Kona coffee plantations and the Paniolo (cowboy) culture of Waimea immerse visitors in a rich culture and history. Still honored throughout the island in festivals, parades and performances, Hawai'i's traditions are still very much a part of everyday life.

## Inspiration and motivation in perfect harmony.

From helicopter adventures over an active volcano to tropical rainforest excursions, the Big Island offers countless options for team building activities and pre/post meeting relaxation. Groups can explore some of the world's most spectacular stargazing or take to the water by boat, kayak or submarine to see our pristine waters filled with amazing marine life. The unique group activities available on the Big Island are simply unmatched. Horseback riding through rolling ranchlands, ATV excursions, big-game fishing, the options are endless. Free from big city distractions, our natural wonders inspire creativity and focus.



*Photo: UHH Conference Center*



*Photo: Kona Village Resort*



## You're a fairway away from a perfect day.

Hawai'i's Big Island, with over 20 magnificent golf courses, is the "Golf Capital of Hawai'i." Courses carved out of ancient lava flows, nestled among historical Hawaiian landmarks, front some of the most beautiful coastline of the Pacific. From north Kohala to Kailua-Kona and Keauhou, the striking contrasts of lush green fairways, pure white bunkers, jet-black lava flows, and panoramic views of turquoise blue Pacific waters make for some of the most scenic holes anywhere. More options await on the East side of the island, renowned for its lush tropical landscape. The biggest names in golf course design have crafted some of the most challenging and visually stunning courses found today.

## Relax, the island way.

Hawai'i's Big Island is a place where a strong tradition of wellness combines with the aloha spirit to nurture the soul. What makes the Big Island's experience so unique is the use of traditional Hawaiian methods and healing practices utilizing indigenous plants and materials as an integral part of the rejuvenation process. Lehua honey, coconut, mango, orchids, vanilla and Kona coffee each contribute in their own special ways. Enjoy a massage serenaded by splashing surf or let a hot rock treatment melt away stress and worries. Hawai'i's Big Island spas are renowned the world over.

## Exhilaration through rejuvenation.

Whether sailing the ocean blue or hiking through the Hawaiian rainforest, you will never want for things to do and see on Hawai'i's Big Island. Enjoy a day of fun-filled activities such as exploring waterfalls, horseback riding, Kona coffee tasting and farm tours, surfing, snorkeling, enjoying the beach, or simply watching the whales during our winter season. View a fiery volcano or stargaze atop Mauna Kea. You choose the level of your activity, from easy to extreme.

## Reward the team. Reward yourself.

Hawai'i's Big Island provides a wealth of unique amenities and gifts that reflect the Big Island's history, arts design and flavors. Treat your group to the delights of Big Island Candies and Mauna Loa Macadamia Nuts, handmade chocolates made right in Hilo town. Akatsuka Orchid Gardens in Volcano offers an explosion of colorful orchids, which can be sent as pre/post arrival gifts. Visit Reyn's and Hilo Hattie where you can purchase classic Hawaiian wear and gifts with local flavor. There are art galleries and shops throughout the island with locally made products such as woodcarvings, specialty coffees, macadamia nuts, and more, and upscale designer retailers give shoppers exciting choices.

## Getting here is convenient.

Hawai'i's Big Island is easily accessible. Choose from convenient direct flights to Kona International Airport (KOA) located on the West side of the island, from major gateways such as Los Angeles, Orange County, San Francisco, Oakland, Chicago, Denver, Phoenix, Seattle and Tokyo, or frequently scheduled 30 minute inter-island flights connecting from Honolulu to both Kona and Hilo. Oakland also provides direct service into Hilo (ITO) on the East side of the island. U.S. Customs is on-site at Kona International Airport and private jets can be accommodated as well.

## Ground transportation and services.

From Kona International Airport, it's a scenic 20 minute drive South into the quaint resort towns of Kailua-Kona and Keauhou. Or a 30 minute drive North to the major hotels and resorts along the Kohala Coast. Multiple modes of transport are available from exquisite limousine service and exotic cars for rent, to standard rental cars, taxi service and motor coaches. Lei greetings upon arrival are also available to set the tone for a meeting in paradise.



### Kohala Coast to Pololu

**Pu'ukoholā Heiau National Historic Site:** Constructed in 1790-91 to incur the war god's favor and linked to the founding of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

**Lapakahi State Historical Park:** Archaeological remains of a traditional Hawaiian fishing community.

**Mo'okini Heiau:** Among the most sacred of Hawai'i's historical sites and birthplace of King Kamehameha the Great.

**King Kamehameha Statue:** This original statue was once lost at sea.

**Pololu Valley Lookout:** Breathtaking overlook at the north tip of the island.



### Kailua-Kona, Keauhou South

**Kaloko-Honōkohau National Historical Park:** Site of ancient Hawaiian settlement and fishponds.

**Ahu'ena Heiau:** Where King Kamehameha ruled his kingdom in 1812.

**Hulihe'e Palace:** Once the home of vacationing Hawaiian Royalty.

**Kealakekua Bay:** Home to one of Hawai'i's most spectacular coral reefs.

**Kona Coffee Living History Farm:** Interpretive tours of this working coffee farm first homesteaded in 1900.

**Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau:** A sacred place of refuge and complex of archaeological sites dating back to the 1200s.



### South Point to Volcano

**Punalu'u Black Sand Beach:** Protected sanctuary for hawksbill turtles.

**Ka Lae:** Southernmost tip of the U.S.A.



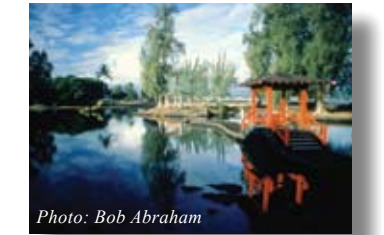
### Waimea and Hamakua Coast

**Waipi'o Valley Lookout:** Legendary land of ancient Hawaiian culture.

**Kalōpā Native Forest State Park and Recreation Area, Umauma Falls, 'Akaka Falls State Park and Hawai'i Tropical Botanical Gardens:** Perfect for active nature lovers.

**Laupāhoehoe Point:** Scenic point once devastated by the tsunami of 1946.

**Laupāhoehoe Train Museum**



### Hilo

**Museums and Cultural Centers:** Mokupāpapa: Discovery Center for Hawai'i's Remote Coral Reefs, Lyman Mission House Museum, Pacific Tsunami Museum, East Hawai'i Cultural Center and Wailoa Center.

**Picturesque Lili'uokalani Gardens, Wailoa State Park and Nani Mau Gardens**

**Rainbow Falls:** Along the Wailuku River, is the legendary home of the goddess Hina.

Along Banyan Drive is a collection of huge trees planted by celebrities and dignitaries of their day including Amelia Earhart and Babe Ruth.

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### Puna to Volcano

**Lava Tree State Park:** An impressive collection of lava tree molds from a volcanic eruption in 1790.

**Pāhoa:** Once a lumber camp for the Santa Fe Railroad; quaint Pāhoa town is a magnet for pioneers and free spirits.

**Kalapana:** An extraordinary setting downslope on a volcanic rift zone. Scenic drive passes Ahalanui Park and MacKenzie State Recreational Area.

**Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park:** Visitors have trekked for more than 178 years to explore Hawai'i's most popular visitor attraction. While there, visit the Kilauea Visitor Center, Volcano Art Center, Crater Rim Drive and the walk-through Thurston Lava Tube.